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### FOREWORD

introducing this little booklet to you the committee first of all wishes to extend its thanks to all those who in any way assisted in its compilation by delving into records and contributing in other ways towards its completion. In this connection we particularly wish to express our appreciation to the Calgary Diocesan Board of W.A. of which Diocese Edmonton was once a part as shown in the section entitled "Our Early History." The underlying motive in producing this booklet was that it might not only be a record of the past but that it might prove to be an inspiration for the future to carry on the work with renewed prayer and courage to be what the Foundress, Mrs. Roberta E. Tilton, intended a link in one areat chain of women across Canada to accept our responsibility in the work of extending Christ's Kingdom, with His own clarion call urging us on "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We cannot all go, but we can all help to supply the wherewithal to send those who can go and preach. So we humbly commend this booklet to your attention, remembering our motto "The love of Christ constraineth us "

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THE RT. REV. A. E. BURGETT

# Greetings!

#### DEAR MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

It is with pleasure that I write to congratulate you over twenty-five years of Prayer and active work for the Diocese of Edmonton. The Woman's Auxiliary has played a great part in building up the Diocese and assisting to promote the spiritual work carried on in the various Parishes in the country districts as well as in the City of Edmonton

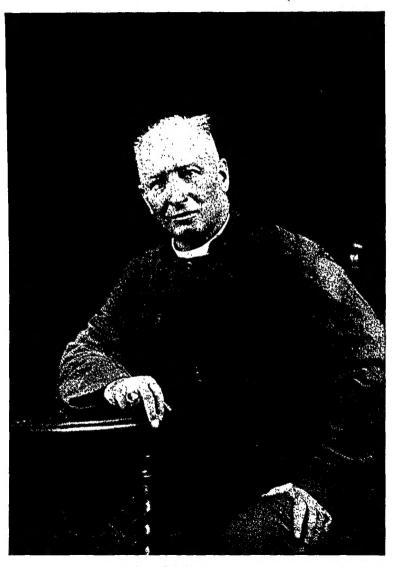
I wish to convey my own personal thanks as Bishop from the year 1932 to the present date, for the unfailing and untiring efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary to support the work of Christ in this Diocese.

These activities cover Intercessory Prayer, missionary zeal in raising of funds for the support of missionary work in the Canadian and Overseas Fields and for the extension of parochial activities, Social Service Work, and the help given to promote the instruction of our children and young people in this Diocese.

It is my hope that this valuable Auxiliary will continue its assistance to the Diocese for many years to come, looking unto Him, who is the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

Yours sincerely, in Christ,

(Signed) ARTHUR EDMONTON, Bishop.



THE RT. REV. H. A. GRAY

## Greetings from Bishop Gray

To the President and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Edmonton.

My VERY DEAR FRIENDS:

I am grateful for the opportunity of sending a word of greeting to you on the occasion of your twenty-fifth Anniversary especially as a foreword to your Chronicle of those years. As I look back upon the memorable days of the winter of 1913-14 and the following spring, it's the Woman's Auxiliary that comes very much to my thoughts

In those early days and especially after the outbreak of war I began to realize the strength the WA gave to the Diocese. So many clergy and people compute the value of an organization by its money getting powers. But important as these are. I felt then and have always felt and still feel that the strength of the Woman's Auxiliary gave to the Diocese was rooted in prayer. I have always thought the WA to be first and always an organization of prayer, and that is its primary object. I think a little quiet contemplation of what conditions had to be faced and what was accomplished in those early days will make that clear to you all. So standing firm upon the witness of the past renewed in strength and hope, I bid you turn your faces to the future whatever difficulties may beset your path. be this your motto. "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength," and quietness and confidence are the fruit of prayer.

I commend you and your work for the Diocese of Edmonton to the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit, may He give you right gides ment in all things and may the Blessing of God the Father, God the con and God the Holy Spirit always rest upon your counsels and your work."

Yours thtully,

ENRY ALLEN GRAY,
Formerly Bishop of Edmonton.

## Early History

#### 1885-1913

In the early 1880's Mrs. Roberta E. Tilton of Ottawa, a devoted member of the Church of England, was visiting in the United States and there heard about, and saw the workings of, an organization of women-members of our sister Church in the U.S.A.

Mrs. Tilton was so impressed with the work done in the United States and with the possibility of what a similar organization of Canadian women could do to help the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, that she soon imparted her enthusiasm to others.

In 1885 Mrs. Tilton and six other like-minded women presented a request to the House of Bishops and Officers of the D. & F.M. Soc., who were then meeting in Ottawa, that such an organization of women, linked together across Canada, for prayer, study and service might be formed.

Permission was granted and so the "Woman's Auxiliary" was brought into being.

In 1887 at the request of Rev. J. W. Tims, a missionary among the Blackfoot Indians in what is now Southern Alberta, a Miss. Brown-from Dunham, Que., was sent out by the W.A. of the Diocese of Toronto to open a residential school among the Blackfeet—the first Missionary worker ever sent out by the W.A.

In 1890 the Rev. J. W. Tims again spoke to the Toronto W.A. and their first Life Membership Fees amounting to \$350.00 were given towards the maintenance of the Blackfoot Home. This was in addition to Miss Brown's salary.

Later in 1890 Mrs. Willoughby Cummings and Miss Louey Patterson visited Calgary to report on the work among the Indians in Southern Alberta and in 1891 Miss Patterson came out to work for the summer as a Missionary with the Sarcees. In 1891 Miss Bushby was sent out by the W.A. of Huron Diocese as a Missionary to the Blood Reserve.

In 1891 Mrs. Pinkham formed the Calgary Diocesan Board, one Branch only being active the Pro-Cathedral Branch.

On March 2nd, 1904, there was a meeting of the Calgary Diocesan Board for re-organization purposes when a Constitution, drawn up by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, was adopted and a slate of officers elected. Mrs. J. S. Hall as President; Mrs. A. E. Cross as Treasurer.

In 1904 the Branch of St. Mary's, Ponoka, organized. April 6th, 1904 Rev. H. A. Gray of Edmonton wrote to the Calgary Board that a Branch of the W.A. would be formed in All Saints', Edmonton. In October of 1904 Mrs. J. D. Hyndman, Secretary, reported the formation of All Saints' Branch under the Presidency of Mrs. H. C. Wilson and gave an account of the work being done.

In March 1905 the first affiliation fees amounting to \$1.10 and subscriptions for eleven "Leaflets" from All Saints', Edmonton, were sent to Calgary.

At the First Annual Meeting of the Calgary Diocesan Board, in June, 1905, a report was received from All Saints', Edmonton, showing that the Branch was in good financial standing and that the members were carrying out the aims of the W.A.

After this meeting the first affiliation fees were paid by the Calgary Diocesan Board to the General Board.

On Ash Wednesday, 1906, Mrs. Slocock, Secretary, reported a membership of eighteen in All Saints' Branch, Edmonton.

In July, 1906, the Second Annual Meeting of the Calgary Diocesan Board was held and later a letter was received from All Saint's, Edmonton, promising to double their Pledges. St. Saviour's, Vermilion, organized.

At the Third Annual Meeting held in Calgary, in July, 1907, Mrs. A. E. Lilly was elected to represent All Saint's, Edmonton, and later that year All Saints' Branch offered a bale of clothing for the Peigan Reserve and promised to work for the Hay River Mission in 1908.

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In 1907 and 1908 Mrs. S. V. McCoppen, Mrs. W. Gifford and Mrs. W. J. McIrose joined the W.A. of All Saints' and they are the oldest members now living in Edmonton.

In 1908 a Branch of the W.A. was organized at Wabamun and in May a Junior Branch was formed at All Saints'.

In this year, too, the following Branch organized St. Guthlacs (now St. John's) Onoway first President, Mrs. Taylor

St Aidan's and St. Hilda's, Rexborough, with first President, Mrs. Merryweather.

In 1908 Mrs. Frances Gray, mother of Rev. H. A. Gray, was made the first Diocesan Life Member by All Saints' and the same month Miss Gee reported to Calgary the formation of a Junior Branch with nineteen members at Colchester, East Edmonton.

At the Fourth Annual Meeting in Calgary, June, 1908. All Saints', Edmonton, was represented by Mrs. Hunter-Gowan and Mrs Melrose. After explanations by Mrs. Gowan the Diocesan Board decided to form a Diocesan Junior Branch, and the Diocesan Babies' Branch was also formed. The Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund was authorized on motion of Mrs. Melrose.

At the Fifth Annual Meeting in Calgary, June, 1909, Mrs. Melrose was elected Diocesan Dorcas Secretary. In the Fall of 1909 Senior Branches were formed at Vegreville, Battenburg and St. Michael's and All Angels', North Edmonton.

At the Sixth Annual Meeting in Edmonton, June, 1910, there was a large number of delegates from Edmonton and Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Beaupre from Onoway.

In this year Senior Branches were formed at St. Paul's (now St. Stephen's), St. Faith's, with Mrs. E. D. Williams first President, Christ Church, President Mrs. Clarke Bowker; St. Luke's, President Mrs. J. Inkster; St. Luke's also organized the Junior and Baby Branches. In the Springof 1911 a Senior Branch was formed at St. Andrew's.

At the Seventh Annual Meeting held in Calgary, in June. 1911, there was a very large delegation of W.A. members from Edmonton and vicinity.

In July, 1911, Mrs. Melrose was one of the Calgary Diocesan Delegates to the Triennial Meeting of the General Board (Dominion) held in Winnipeg.

Branch organized at Provost.

In March, 1912, a Senior Branch was formed at Holy Trinity, Strathcona with Mrs. C. Carruthers as President and a gift of Communion linen to Holy Trinity through Mrs. Humphrey Lloyd was reported.

At the Eighth Annual Meeting held in Lethbridge Mrs. Melrose was elected First Vice-President of the Calgary Diocesan Board and Mrs. J. K. MacDonald of All Saints', Edmonton, was elected to the office of Diocesan Dorcas Secretary.

In September, 1912, the Senior Girls' Branch was organized at All Saints'. A Junior W.A. was formed at St. Faith's and one at St. Paul's.

At the Ninth Annual Meeting in Calgary there was a large attendance of delegates from Edmonton and vicinity and Christ Church W.A., Edmonton, was credited with raising the largest amount of money.

At this meeting, in view of the fact that a new Diocese was being proposed to take in the northern part of Alberta, the delegates from the northern section refrained from voting on all money and Dorcas Pledges.

In this year the following Branches of W.A. organized: St Mary's, Edmonton, with Mrs. Humphrey Lloyd as President; St. John's, S. Edmonton, with Deaconess Moreland as President; St. John's, Sedgewick, with Mrs. Mills as President; Holy Trinity, Hughenden (at that time in Saskatchewan Diocese); Church of the Good Shepherd, Edmonton, with Mrs. F. Jones as President; Manville.

The new Diocese, to be known as the Diocese of Edmonton, came into official existence November 11th, 1913.

#### 1913

After consultation with the Ven. Archdeacon Gray-Rector of All Saints', and correspondence with the Rt. Rev-W-C. Pinkham, Bishop of Calgary, and Mrs. Patterson Hall, President of Dominion Board, it was decided to call a meeting of all Church of England women resident in Edmonton and vicinity, who were interested in W.A. work to discuss the formation of a Diocesan Board of the W.A. for the new Diocese.

On December 5th, 1913 representatives from twenty-two Branches of the W.A. and other Church women met in All Saints' Parish Hall and unanimously decided to ask that a Diocesan Board be formed to carry on the missionary work that had been done while affiliated with Calgary Diocesan Board.

On December 17th, Mrs. Bernard, President of Calgary Diocesan W.A came to Edmonton, and the Edmonton Diocesan Board of W.A. was formed with the following officers:

Honorary President	Mrs.	FRANCES GRAY
President	MRS.	MELROSE
First Vice-President	Mrs.	C. CARRUTHERS
Second Vice-President	Mrs.	Howcroft
Recording Secretary	Mrs.	Stevenson
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs.	Forbes-Reid
Treasurer	Mrs.	PINCKNEY

Dorcas Secretary.	Miss F. A. Potts
Junior Girls' Secretary	Miss B. Watson
Babies' Branch Secretary	Mrs. A. Wills
E.C.D. Fund Secretary	Mrs. Richardson
U.T.O. Secretary	Mrs. Maxwell
Leaflet Secretary	Mrs. A. E. Hopkins
Literature Secretary	Mrs. Hunter-Gowan
Indian Secretary	DEACONESS MORELAND

(The present Secretary of the Junior W.A. was the first Secretary of the Babies' Branch- Mrs. Wills.)

The Constitution of the Calgary Board was adopted pro-tem and Life Members from other Dioceses were given voting privileges.

Certain Pledges and Funds were accepted as first obligations, and 273 Leaflets were ordered for the new Diocesan Board.

This history from 1885-1913 is contributed by Charlotte E. Melrose.

The motto "The Joy of the Lord is our Strength" was chosen because two Branches, All Saints' and St. Andrew's, had submitted it.

The colors Green and Gold were chosen because they were the Provincial, and Provincial University colors.

At the request of Bishop Pinkham the following three ladies were added to the Board as the Bishop's Representatives—Mrs. Humphrey Lloyd, Mrs. George Webb and Miss Warden.

It was also decided that there would be no Annual Meeting until February, 1915.







MRS. A.A.PINCKNEY



MRS.H.A. GRAY



MRS.W.J. MELROSE



MRS. H. P. REID



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MRS. W.B.C.CHAMBERLAIN



MISS. C. LILLINGSTON

On January 29th, 1914, the Ven Archdeacon H A Gray was elected the first Bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton and was consecrated March 25th, 1914.

That same evening at a Reception held in All Saints' Parish Hall, Mrs. Frank Christie, on behalf of the W.A of the Diocese, pasented Bishop Gray with his Episcopal ring and the Diocesan President read a congratulatory address.

The first Junior Rally was held April 14th, 1914, when about eighty children were present. Bishop Gray spoke to them.

In May Mrs. Stevenson resigned as Recording Secretary and Mrs. Frank Osborne was appointed to the office.

On May 30th the first resolution was entered on the minute book of the new Board. It read "That the Edmonton Diocesan Board desire that all W.A. Branches refrain from raising money for W.A purposes, by means of dances, whist drives, raffles and games of chance."

At the Calgary Board Meeting in June, 1914, Mrs. Bernard, in her Presidential address spoke thus: "We sorely miss the representatives from the former northern part of our Diocese; their presence was an inspiration and cheer. Still more do we miss their loyal co-operation in every undertaking for our Master's honor when they gave of their best."

In August the Great War broke out and from that time until November, 1918, intercessory prayers for the King, his forces and the country were used at all W.A. meetings.

The Diocesan Board contributed the sum of \$25.00 to the Hospital Ship given by Canada to the Mother Country.

The President represented the Board at an emergency meeting of the General Board (Dominion) held in Montreal, October, 1914.



In November Miss Halson, General Dorcas Secretary, visited Edmonton and spoke at the Board Meeting.

Branches organized in 1914: St. Peter's, Edmonton, President Mrs. Manuel; St. Mark's, Edmonton, President Mrs. Alderwood; St. Mary's and St. George's, Jasper, President Mrs. Niven; St. Paul's, Leduc, President Mrs. Aicher; Emmanuel, Gibbons, President Mrs. Roberts; Holy Trinity, Tofield; St. Barnabas', Edmonton, President Mrs. H. Jones; St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan.

Mrs. C. Carruthers and Mrs. Humphrey Lloyd were the first Diocesan Life Members made in the Diocese of Edmonton.

#### 1915

In February, 1915, the First Annual Meeting of the Edmonton Diocesan Board was held in All Saints' Parish Hall

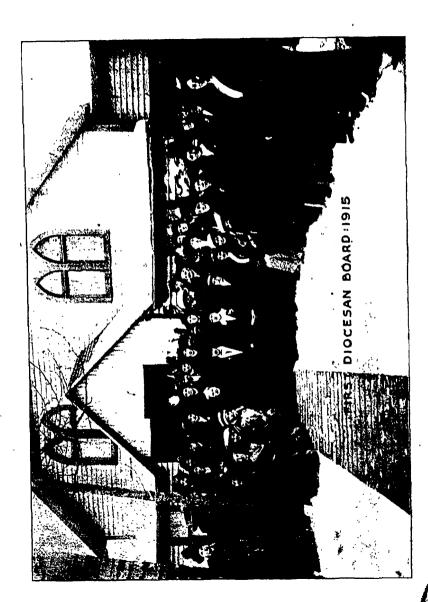
At the Communion Service the Rt. Rev. H. A. Gray preached the sermon and Archdeacons Tims and Webb assisted at the Celebration.

At this meeting the Constitution was adopted and a new Fund, to be known as the Bishopric Endowment Fund, was started.

Thirty-two Branches, Seniors and Girls, were reported and all Pledges and allocated funds were paid in full.

The Diocesan President, Mrs. Melrose, was made a Life Member of the General Board (Dominion). The Juniors held their Rally the evening of the second day and at the rally Miss Potts offered a banner for competition among Junior Branches.

In April, Miss Florence Martyn, a graduate of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, offered for missionary service and was accepted. Miss Martyn went to the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Ireland, for further training and was finally assigned to work in Kangra, India—the first Missionary from this Diocese.



In May a set of Communion Silver was presented to Capt the Rev. W. A. R. Ball, Chaplain of the 49th Battalion, for use overseas—and used for the first time on Christmas Day

The Diocesan Board sent a delegate to the postponed Triennial Meeting in Toronto.

In November the Rev. McQueen Baldwin, for 20 years an Honorary Mission Worker in Japan, spoke at the regular monthly meeting.

Branches organized in 1915: Bon Accord; St. Andrew's, Camrose.

#### 1916

The Second Annual Meeting was held in All Saints' Parish Hall in February with Rt. Rev. H. A. Gray as the Preacher and Celebrant The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lucas of McKenzie River and the Ven Archdeacon Webb assisted. The Rt. Rev. Bishop White spoke at the Missionary Meeting on the work done in Honan, China.

At this meeting a Senior Girls' Branch Secretary was appointed and two new Funds were undertaken the Literature Fund and the Travelling Fund.

Mrs. Brett entertained the officers, delegates and visitors at Government House at Tea.

In March a set of Communion Silver was presented to Capt. the Rev. W. J. McDonald. Chaplain of the 66th Edmonton Battalion, and to Capt. the Rev. W. H. Davis, Chaplain of the 138th Battalion in May.

In May, Miss Robbins, Missionary from Honan, China, addressed the Board Meeting.

In June an informal reception was held in All Saints' Parish Hall to say farewell to Missionaries and workers who were leaving to work in the far north, in the Diocese of McKenzie River.

1 Branches organized were: St. Dunstan's, Bittern Lake, President Mrs. Hazelwood; Kitscoty (Saskatchewan Diocese),

#### 1917

The Third Annual Meeting was held February 28th and March 1st, with Bishop Gray as Preacher and Celebrant, assisted by Archdeacon Webb.

All Branches reported progress and again all Pledges were met in full.

Mrs. F. Smith, a former President of the Ottawa Diocesan Board, addressed the meeting on the W.A. work.

A set of Communion Silver was presented to the Rev. Edward Hester of McKenzie River Diocese.

In October Miss Martyn sailed for India and the same month Mrs. Plumtre of Toronto spoke to the Board.

All through the fall the W.A. work was carried on as usual but with fewer members and smaller contributions.

Several country parishes had been closed for lack of clergy and many families had left for the homeland. The city branches did all they could both in the way of W.A. work and War Relief services.

Branches organized: St. George's, Killam; St. David's, Edmonton.

#### 1918

The Fourth Annual Meeting was held in February under serious war-time stress. Bishop Gray was the Preacher and Celebrant assisted by Canons Howcroft and McKim.

While the outlook was none too bright, every officer and member present looked forward with trust to the eventual victory.

The Bishopric Endowment Fund became a Diocesan Pledge at this meeting.

Sympathy was extended to Mrs. Davis on the loss of her son Rev. Capt. Davis—killed in action.



Branches formed this year: St. Thomas', Wainwright (Saskatchewan Diocese), President Mrs. Pawling.

#### 1919

Early this year Mrs. H. A. Gray was made a Life Member of the Dominion Board by the Girls' Branches of the Diocese as a wedding gift.

The Fifth Annual Meeting was held in March with Bishop Gray as Preacher and Celebrant, assisted by Archdeacon Howcroft and the Rev. E. Pierce Goulding.

Rev. E. Ahenakew was the special speaker and addressed the Missionary Meeting on the Church's work among the Indians in the Diocese of Saskatchewan.

Bishop Gray asked for and received the courtesy of instituting "The Bishop's Hour" at Annual Meetings. At this meeting the Prayer Partnership Plan was adopted and Mrs. H. B. Collins was Edmonton's first Prayer Partner Secretary.

It was resolved that the money collected as a memorial to Mrs. Hunter-Gowan be used to purchase a Communion Set for use in St. Peter's in memory of the Rev. Capt. Davies and also a private Communion Set to be the personal property of the Rev. Bowring in memory of Mrs. Huner-Gowan towwhom he administered the Last Sacrament.

During the Forward Movement Campaign now in progress the members of the Edmonton Diocesan Board entered into this work with much zeal and energy.

Mrs. F. W. Fane was elected Diocesan President.

Branches organized: Wetaskiwin; Lougheed.

#### 1920

Sixth Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Board. The usual opening and Corporate Communion Service was conducted by the Bishop and local clergy.

Miss Tims of Calgary was the special speaker.

In May the first summer school was held in the Mission House.

At Holy Trinity a Service of Commendation was held for Missionaries going to the north.

Mrs. Pinckney was elected Diocesan President.

#### 1921

#### The Seventh Annual Meeting.

Rev. Dr. Westgate was special speaker.

In May the first Diocesan Board Meeting to be held in the evening took place at All Saints' Parish House, so as to enable members of Girls' Branches to attend.

#### 1922

At the Eighth Annual Meeting Rev. Dr. Westgate was again the special speaker.

At this meeting announcement was made that \$100.00 was to be received yearly for a period of five years from the Dominion Board for itinerating purposes. This proved a very great blessing to the Diocese of Edmonton.

A resolution was passed combining the Bishop's Fund and the W.A. Parsonage Fund, this Fund to be administered by the Edmonton Diocesan Board of W.A. Loans to be made instead of Grants and each application for the same to receive the endorsation of the Bishop before being considered.

The Missionary Hospitality Fund was established at this Annual.

At the monthly meeting in March the first mention was made of Social Service work in the form of an appeal to help a young girl just arrived in Edmonton.

At the April Meeting the special speaker was the Rev. Dr. Rowe, Director of the Guild of Health.

At the monthly meeting in May Miss Hasell of England spoke on "Sunday School by Caravan."

The September meeting was addressed by Bishop Lucas of McKenzie River.

In this year the parishes of St. Pauls' and St. Andrew's amalgamated and became known as St. Stephen's.

At the Ninth Annual Meeting the special speakers were the Rev Lascelles Ward of Vancouver, and Miss Page, former worker at Hay River.

For the first time the Life Members' Hour was part of the Annual Meeting programme.

The retiring Diocesan President, Mrs. Pinckney, was presented with a Dominion Life Membership and Mrs. H. A. Gray, was elected to the office of President of the Diocesan Board.

In June a sum of money was sent to Bishop Lucas of McKenzie River to buy pews for the church at Chipewyan as a memorial to W. J. Melrose husband of the first President of the Edmonton Diocesan Board of W.A.

Branches organized: Mountain Park; Vermilion Girls' (Saskatchewan Diocese).

#### 1924

The January Board Meeting was held at St. Barnabas' and the speaker was Miss Lillingston on her work in Korea.

Tenth Annual Meeting. The special speakers were Rev. W. C. McKim on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society; Rev. H. Alderwood on Railway Camp Missions; Miss Bryer on her work in China.

Proposal to give a car to Bishop Gray was discussed and heartily approved by this meeting, and later in the year this was presented to him through the gifts of W.A. members and other interested friends throughout the Diocese.

Mrs. W. B. C. Chamberlain was elected Diocesan President.

At the May Board Meeting at St. Peter's the speaker was Miss May Watts on her work in China and the Diocesan Executive Committee adopted her as its Prayer Partner. Miss Mabel Cartwright, President of Toronto Diocesan Board, spoke to the June Board Meeting in All Saints'.

Branch organized: St. Matthew's, Viking, first President, Mrs. Ryley.

#### 1925

At the Eleventh Annual Meeting the speakers were the Veb. Archdeacon Burgett and Rev. Dr. Westgate.

The office of Organizing Secretary was created for purpose of organizing new branches and a committee was appointed for the Forward Movement Campaign. Branches to be visited by Diocesan officers.

This year the Diocese was fortunate in being visited by Dominion Officers, enroute East from the Dominion Annual held in New Westminster Diocese. The Dominion President, Mrs. G. Ferrabee, the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Slater, the Treasurer, Mrs. Donaldson and Miss Burgess, Junior Secretary, spoke at various meetings both in and outside the city.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings also visited Edmonton this year and spoke at a meeting.

Branches organized: Entwistle; North Bank; Waskatenau.

#### 1926

At the Twelfth Annual Meeting the Rev. Dr. G. Webb of Vancouver was the special speaker.

Announcement was made by the Convenor of the Campaign Committee of an increase of 301 members due to the Eorward Movement effort.

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At this meeting it was decided to hold the Diocesan Board Meetings quarterly instead of monthly as heretofore.

A drive was organized to raise funds for the Sunday School Caravan and proved highly successful, and this year much help was given by the W.A. towards furnishings and equipment for the Boys' Hostel. This year was marked by the extension of the Diocese and now embraces those W.A. Branches formerly mentioned as being in Saskatchewan Diocese.

Branch organized: Vermilion Juniors.

#### 1927

At the Thirteenth Annual Meeting the special speakers were Mrs. G. Ferrabee, President of the Dominion Board, Dr. D. E. Cameron from the University of Alberta, Miss Sier of Alert Bay and Miss F. Harvey from Lesser Slave Lake.

A fund was started to establish a Girls' Hostel in the near future, a preliminary effort being the rental and furnishing of two rooms in a private house.

The Anglican Girls' Council was organized this Fall through the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry. This proved to be a very decided "Forward Movement" step. The purpose of this organization is to consolidate the Girls' work and to take the place of girls' attendance at Diocesan Board Meetings as these are held at such a time that it is impossible for business girls to attend.

Branches organized: Millet; Sangudo.



1928

Fourteenth Annual Meeting with special speakers Rt. Rev. Adams, Bishop of Cariboo and Miss May Watts of Honan, China.

In August Miss Grace Gibberd spoke to a special meeting as she passed through the city on her way to China for the first time.

This was a red letter year in the history of the Diocese of Edmonton as it had the privilege of entertaining the Dominion Board at its Annual Meeting. This was held in Christ Church and was much enjoyed by the Edmonton W.A. members who esteemed it a great pleasure and privilege for so small and new a Diocese to be so honored. The Dioceses of Qu'Appelle and Saskatchewan had a part in entertaining this gathering and helped generously with funds. The Executive was held in Calgary.



St. Catherine's Residence for Girls

It was in this year too that the Girls' Residence, St.
Catherines, was opened, being the gift of an Anonymous

Donor in England. This property was given to the Diocese of Edmonton on condition that its management was placed in the hands of the Diocesan Board of W.A.

It accommodates thirty girls, school girls, students and business girls and sometimes older women enjoy its comfortable quarters. It contains a fully equipped chapel where family prayers are conducted each evening.

Branches organized: St. Peter's, Ardrossan; Glenreagh; Mayerthorpe.

#### 1929

At the Fifteenth Annual Meeting various local clergy acted as speakers.

At this meeting a Dominion Life Membership was presented to Mrs. W. B. C. Chamberlain by the W.A. Branches.

At the September Meeting a secretary was appointed to carry on the work amongst Lone Members.

Mrs. Humphrey Lloyd of London, England, spoke on the re-organization of the Mother's Union in the Diocese of Edmonton.

Branches organized: Irwinville; Irma, first President, Mrs. Cole.

#### 1930

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting. Special speakers. Rev. Dr. Westgate on Indian and Eskimo Missions and Miss Archer on her work in Japan.

Resolution passed to establish the "Episcopal Residence Fund," and another passed at this meeting was that "The Pledge for the Bishopric Endowment Fund be closed as this fund is almost completed."

Miss Lillingston was elected Diocesan President.

Mrs. A. H. Petch was presented, by the Diocese with a Dominion Life Membership.



1930

At the Dominion Board Meeting held in Ottawa Mrs. W. B. C. Chamberlain was elected to the office of Vice-President of Central Canada. Edmonton Diocese appreciated this honor conferred on one of its members.

Branch organized at Landonville.

#### 1931

At the Seventeenth Annual Meeting the Rt. Rev. H. A. Gray was preacher and Celebrant at the opening service, this being the last time that Bishop Gray was present at the Diocesan Annual W.A. meeting.

Rev. H. A. Alderwood of Saskatoon was the special speaker At this meeting it was resolved that Miss Mabel Cartwright, LL.D., Toronto, be asked to be an honorary member of Edmonton Diocesan Board. At the June Quarterly Meeting gifts were presented from W.A. Branches and members to the Rt. Rev. H. A. Gray and Mrs. Gray. To Miss Frances Gray a gift was made by the Juniors and Boys' Branches. These gifts were in token of esteem and loving appreciation and many expressions of regret were voiced at their departage from the Diocese to live in England.

In September the Quarterly Board Meeting was held at Camrose with Rev. G. Gower of Sedgewick taking the noon-day prayers.

At the Board Meeting at Holy Trinity in November a resolution was passed that Treasurer's and Recording Secretary's Reports be approved at Quarterly Meetings, all others only at Annual Meetings.

Branch organized: Emmanuel, Padstow, first President, Mrs. Penny.

#### 1932

Eighteenth Annual Meeting. His first sermon to the W.A. as Bishop was preached by the Rt. Rev. A. E. Burgett, second Bishop of Edmonton. Special speakers were Miss Leslie Bell on Social Service work and Professor Millman of Emmanuel College, Saskatoon, on Japan.

At this meeting the Bishop of Edmonton was presented with the Episcopal ring, a gift from all the W.A. Branches in the Diocese.

Decision was made to present St. Stephen's Church Edmonton with a paten as a memorial to the late Ruth Pinckney.

In May Mrs. Donaldson, Dominion Board Treasurer, spoke on Finance to a special meeting held in Christ Church and at this meeting the presentation of a Dominion Life Membership was made to Mrs. Howcroft.

A Communion Service in June was held at St. Stephen's Church when the Ruth Pinckney Memorial was dedicated.

In June the Quarterly Meeting was held at Westlock when Miss Wright of Vancouver, Vice-President for Western Canada, and Miss Jessie Miller, Missionary in Training at Deaconess House, Toronto, were the special speakers.

At the September Meeting reference was made to the passing of Mrs. Howcroft, at Vancouver, and Mrs. Taylor, aged 89, first President of Onoway Branch.

At the November Meeting Miss Foerstal of Japan and Miss Faithfull of Little Pines Reserve were special guests. In this month Miss Lillingston resigned from office as Diocesan President in order to return to England. The 1st Vice-President, Mrs. H. P. Reid, became Acting President for the balance of the year.

#### 1933

At the Nineteenth Annual Meeting the special speaker was Miss DeBlois of Kangra, India.

Mrs. H. P. Reid was elected to office of Diocesan President.

Due to the efforts of the Rev. G. P. Gower, Rural Dean of Camrose, the first Deanery W.A. meeting in this Diocese

was held at St. Andrew's Church in Camrose, November

29th. Eight Branches were represented.

It was in this year that plans were made to raise money for the Restoration Fund and our President was appointed to act on the Diocesan Committee in charge of this work. All through the Diocese the W.A. members did their part

"to build up the wall."

At the June Meeting the Rev. Canon C. Carruthers of Winnipeg, formerly of Holy Trinity, Edmonton, was preacher at the morning service and our special guests were Miss Rundle of Niagara Diocese, enroute to Aklavik: Miss Jessie Miller, worker among Jews in Toronto; Miss Doris Lister, from Deaconess House, Toronto, and Miss Woodroffe. Sunday School van worker.

Our first Girls' W.A. Camp was held in August at Winterburn, with an attendance of twelve girls and five leaders.

At the October Meeting the Preacher was Rev. Canon S. F. Middleton of St. Paul's Indian Residential School, Cardston. At the afternoon session he spoke on his work. Miss Brown, van worker, was also a guest.

In November Mrs. McElheran of Toronto, spoke to a special meeting on the Restoration Fund.

Branch organized: Daysland.

#### 1934

The Twentieth Annual Meeting. The Very Rev. Dean Ragg of Calgary was the Preacher. An outstanding speaker at this meeting was Dr. T. Z. Koo, Chinese Educationalist and Secretary of World Student Movement.

During this Annual money was voted towards the purchase of a lantern for the D.B.R.E. to use in rural parishes. The W.A. purchased the Altar and furniture for the Chapel in the See House.

At the April Meeting the Rev. Canon W. G. White spoke on "Pioneer Days in Athabasca."

In June a meeting was held at St. Stephen's to bid farewell and God speed to missionaries enroute to the Arctic.

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Two of our Edmonton girls from Holy Trinity Parish accepted the call to active service in the mission field Miss Doris Lister to the Fort George Indian School and Miss Jessie Miller to Japan.

At the June Meeting held in St. Luke's, the Rev. A. Harding Priest spoke on religious education.

On September 19th the Vermilion Deanery was held, organized by Rev. Canon G. McComas, Rural Dean of that Deanery.

The speaker at the October Quarterly was the Rev. Jackson who was passing through the city on his way to Ceylon. He spoke on his work in Northern India.

In October the Diocese was fortunate in having visits from three Dominion officers-- Mrs. Brimer, Dorcas Secretary; Mrs. Hewson, Girls' Secretary and Mrs. Abbot, Junior and Little Helpers' Secretary. Their "talks" were much appreciated.

In February a Service of Dismissal and farewell was held at Holy Trinity, Edmonton, for Miss Jessie Miller who was leaving for Japan. A Diocesan Life Membership was presented to her from W.A. members throughout the Diocese.

1935

The Twenty-first Annual was an outstanding one as the W.A. was honored by having His Grace the Primate of all Canada, the Most Rev. D. T. Owen, as the special preacher.

The supreme effort of this year was the Jubilee Membership Campaign and resulted in a substantial increase in Senior Branches.

An outstanding feature of the May Meeting was a well planned Conference, the theme being "Our Golden Years."

The W.A. held a very successful camp at Seba.

In July a special meeting was held to hear the Rt. Rev. Hamilton, former Bishop of Japan, and on a later date Mrs. G. Ferrabee, Dominion President, spoke to a well attended meeting.



At the October Quarterly the Rev. Mother Superior of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, Toronto, spoke on the work of the Sisterhood.

The Diocese of Edmonton contributed to the Dominion Jubilee Fund which was presented at the Dominion Annual held in Ottawa this year.

A picture of the Foundress of the W.A., Mrs. Roberta E. Tilton, was presented to the Edmonton Board by the new Dominion President, Mrs. Wodehouse.

At the meeting of the Diocesan Synod a new canon was enacted whereby the President, Girls' Secretary, Junior Secretary and Little Helpers' Secretary of the Diocesan Board of W.A. became members of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education. Also at this time the W.A. was given representation on the Council for Social Service.

It was decided to put Ruth Pinckney's name in the Dominion Book of Remembrance.

Mrs. J. E. B. De Wynter became a Dominion Life Member.

#### 1936

The Twenty-second Annual commenced with a Service of Thanksgiving held in Christ Church. The special speakers at the meeting were the Dominion Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Brimer, and Capt. Baker of the Church Army. An excellent Missionary Exhibition was sponsored by the Girls' Department. This year was known as "Educational Year" its purpose being to give information to members of the ideals and objectives of the W.A., to deepen their spiritual faith and increase their missionary knowledge.

In 1936 the dream of a Diocesan Summer Camp was brought to fulfillment by the D.B.R.E. in co-operation with the W.A. and the Anglican Girls' Council.

Prior to this date four W.A. members catered to the 1934 Summer School at Seba and through the generous donations of supplies by many W.A. Branches were able to hand over to the D.B.R.E. nearly \$150.00 as the first donation towards the Kapasiwin Camp buildings.

In October the Dominion President, Mrs. Wodehouse, visited Edmonton and spoke at the Board Meeting.

As the Social Service Council was having difficulty in providing rooms for storage and packing of bales the Board of Management of St. Catherines gave the use of four rooms in the Girls' Residence for this work.

Branch organized at Stanger.

#### 1937

The Twenty-third Annual.

This year the Diocesan Council for Social Service took over the complete charge and administration of this work—the W.A. to have four representatives on this body and continue to give its support in financial and other material gifts.

At the June Board Meeting the Rt. Rev. A Fleming, Bishop of the Arctic, was a welcome visitor when he spoke of his work in the north country. At the same meeting Miss Long, Matron of Elkhorn Indian Residential School, gave a splendid illustrated lecture on her work.

In this year the Anglican Girls' Council donated one of the cottages on the camp site. The Council also greatly assisted the W.A. Board in providing dishes, kitchen equip-

ment and other furnishings for the camp.

For the first time a representative from the W.A. Board was sent to the Summer School at Kapasiwin and the programme for one evening was allotted to the W.A. for a lecture on its history and development.

In October the Rt. Rev. Sasaki, native Bishop of Japan, paid a visit to the city and addressed a special missionary

meeting.

Branch organized at Brookdale.

#### 1938

At the Twenty-fourth Annual the sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. A. Fleming, Bishop of the Arctic, who also spoke at a well-attended Missionary Meeting. Miss Susie Kelsey of China was another very interesting speaker during the sessions.

In October Miss Doris Lister was welcomed home on furlough from Fort George and during the succeeding weeks spoke on several occasions to W.A. and other gatherings.

Branches organized: St. Margaret's, Battle Heights, first President, Mrs. A. Bacon; Winfield, first President, Mrs. A. E. Guy; Breton, first President, Mrs. Spindler; Wenham Valley, first President, Mrs. N. B. Atkinson; Rife, first President, Mrs. Lewis; Golden Valley.

No date of organization on record of: Barrhead, Edgerton, Hardisty, Heath, Islay, Wellsdale.

And so we come to the Twenty-fifth Milestone. With the passing of these years we hope we gave of our best—we enter into the second quarter of our century still full of enthusiasm for our part in obeying Christ's command "Go ye into all the world." What will be the record on the Fiftieth Anniversary?

Let us go forward in prayer and confidence, trusting that God's Holy Spirit will continue to bless our efforts and guide us to wise decisions in caring for those in the scattered corners of the homeland and the far countries overseas, who are less fortunate than ourselves whose work it is to see that these, our brethren of every race and color, hear the glad tidings of Christ's redemption of the world. Let us go forward with Christ's promise ringing in our ears "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

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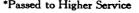
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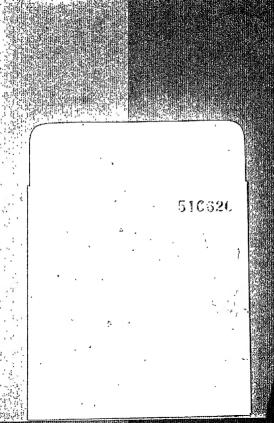
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